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Unfortunately, when the inevitable battle for Freid begins, Van and Hitomi will discover that Zalbach's most powerful warriors are bringing more than just battle prowess to the field!



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INTRODUCTION

"Tenkai no Escaplowne" ("Escaplowne of the Heavens," or "The Vision of Escaplowne" in North America) began as a story in the minds of Hajime Yatate and Shoji Kawamori, brilliant creators who planned Hitomi's epic tale to appear as an animated television series. While most anime series begin as manga, Escaplowne's two manga series were built off the ideas developed for the anime. Yasuru Yashiro's shojo, or "girls" manga, is two volumes in length. In contrast, Kabu Aki's shounen, or "boys" manga, is much longer and happens to be the version you now hold in your hands.

Aki-sensei handled both the art and writing for this title, and it was actually the first version of Escaplowne to reach the public.

While based on the concept of the anime, it began its serialization before the anime was complete. This version of the Escaplowne tale has a different flavor from the television series, with more action, tweaked character design, and an "altered story." As a result, it is difficult to closely compare the two—they are simply two different versions of Hitomi's adventures. Escaplowne's versatility has always fetched great praise over the years. Its manga counterparts only expand the work's reach and deepen its universe. With that in mind, please put aside all preconceptions you may have as you sit back, relax, and enjoy this new look at the world of Escaplowne as you've never seen it before.

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The Story Ends For

After a miraculous escape from a Zolbach mine, Van and Mikael returned with Knight Carl Allen Schwarz to Asaria. However, it swiftly became clear to the group that Asaria is one more place in which they were not welcome. In their absence, the Zolbach Empire sent Opal—an indestructible human Enforcer—to remind Asaria of its treaty. To make sure the message was received loud and clear, Opal grievously wounded Asaria's king. Fearing Van and Mikael for Allen's independent behavior, Asarian Princess Mikaela came dangerously close to murdering Prince Van.

In an attempt to buy Asaria time and to cool Zolbach's rising temper, the king staged a fake execution for Allen. Meanwhile, Allen left with Van and Mikael to join the Revolutionist's Army, a band of displaced warriors united in their hatred of Zolbach. Shortly, Allen was reunited with his father Roland, the leader of the rebels, while Van struggled with his mixed feelings toward the ex-Zolbach soldiers employed by the army. However, the young prince's feelings were abundantly clear when he discovered Mikaela, the brutal knight who murdered Van's mother, amongst the renegades.



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CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS

Hikori

An ordinary girl who loves reading fantasy. Hikori Hoshino's soul was involuntarily transported from the Earth to Gaia by the power of Escallone's power.

Betelgeus

Highly destructive, the Gargoid Betelgeus is the first Steel Dragon, a new breed of Knight Machine piloted by human Escaflowne.

Opal

A frighteningly powerful human Escaflowne. Opal nearly destroyed the entire Kingdom of Aslan on his own. He pilots the Steel Dragon Betelgeus.

Dilante

Gracious Captain of the Zolbach Empire. Dilante Albaton was originally from Aslan, but left the Kingdom shortly after killing his own mother. After being carried to Zolbach, Dilante Albaton spent several years and led the Empire.

Allen

Head of the Knights Guild of the Aslan Royal House and pilot of Scherazade. Allen Schur VII broke Aslan's non-aggression treaty with the Zolbach Empire by protecting Van and Hikori.

Dorakoh

The emperor of Zolbach. Dorakoh has very mysterious origins. Added by Zolbach's technological prowess and numerous super fans, Dorakoh has set his sights on conquering Earth.

Escallone

Queen of Fanelia and Van's mother. Escallone was kidnapped by Dilante. When he accidentally rescued her, Van came vengeance against Dilante. Despite Escallone's insistence that he let go of his mother,

Van

Priest of the Kingdom of Fanelia and pilot of Escallone. Van Schur de Fanelia seeks vengeance against the Zolbach Empire for destroying his homeland and kidnapping his mother.

Scherazade

A legendary Feline Machine piloted by Allen Schur VII.

Escallone

A powerful Knight Machine piloted by Van and powered by Hikori. Escallone is both the protector and duty of the people of Fanelia.

VISION 23:
INTO THE STORM





I'M NOT ONE
TO CONCERN
MYSELF WITH
THE LIVES OF
OTHERS.

WELL IF I
KNOW

DON'T
TEMPT
ME..

...YOU GOK
OF A
BITCH!



WHY DON'T
YOU COME
GET IT?

YOUR HATESS
CONSUMED
YOU, PERCE
I KNOW WHAT
YOU WANT



WHY,
DILANDAU?



.....



WHY'D YOU
KILL MY
MOTHER?



HATING HIM
WON'T
SOLVE A
DAMN THING.

MOTHER,
I KNOW...
I KNOW.

ARE YOU
BLIND?
COME TAKE
YOUR
REVERSE!

FACE
ME,
PRINCE!

BUT I
CAN'T...
...I CAN'T
DEAL
WITH...

VAN,
STOP!

STAY
BACK,
HITOMI!

THAT
FOOLISH
YOUNG
MAN
BELONGS
TO
HIS
MOTHER,
DON'T HE?

YOU
MUSTN'T
HATE,
VAN.









SACALINA MAY
BE GONE, BUT
SHE STILL
LIVES WITHIN
YOU.

I'M AFRAID
I'M RATHER
JEALOUS OF
YOU, PRINCE.

I CAN'T
HELP IT,
YOU SEE.

YOU HAVEN'T
LOST A
THING. YOU
HAVEN'T
SUFFERED.



CHERISH
WHAT YOU
HAVE,
PRINCE
VAN.

FOR I HOLD NO
ONE
WITHIN
MY HEART.



NOT EVEN
MYSELF.



YOU HAVE
SOMEONE TO
BLAME. DON'T YOU
DARE THROW THAT
AWAY!

I'D KILL FOR
SUCH A
GIFT.



YOU THINK YOU
KNOW PAIN?
TRUE PAIN IS
WHEN YOU HAVE
NO ONE TO HATE
BUT YOURSELF!

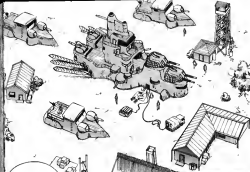
YOU
KNOW
NOTHING,
PRINCE
VAN.



IF YOU'D COME AT
ME, I WOULD HAVE
ENDED YOUR PAIN
WITH A STAB TO
YOUR GUT.

GO
BE
IT.

YES.



SMPH ZABACK
COULD STILL
SCATTER US BY
ONERZING.

VERY
INTERESTING.

WELL, CHECK
IT OUT!

AND EVEN
THAT MAY
NOT BE
ENOUGH.

WE NEED
TIME TO
ASSEMBLE
PROPERLY.

OUR FORCES
ARE SPREAD
TOO THINLY.

HMM?





THAT'S
CORRECT.

BUT ONLY
BECAUSE OF
ZABACH.



DOENKIE
SAID IT WAS
DESTINED
TO DIE.

DOENKIE



WE'RE
COUNTING
ON YOUR
GOD

THAT'S
WHERE YOU
COME IN,
POPE



DOENKIE
GOING LIKE
VERY GOOD
GOOD

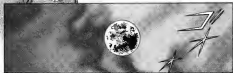


WHAT THEY
HAVEN'T
REVEALED IS
THAT IT COMES
FROM THE
PLANET'S CORE.

THE EMPIRE
USES SUPER
FUEL TO
ADVANCE ITS
CIVILIZATION.



WHAT DO
YOU
MEAN?



GREAT
VIEW,
SH?



THE WORLD IS
PRESERVED BY
THOSE FUEL
DEPOSITS.

WHEN THE
FUEL RUNS
OUT, OUR
PLANET WILL
DIE.



LET ME ASK
YOU
SOMETHING...
DO YOU
BELIEVE OUR
WORLD IS
DYING?



THE OPERATION'S
NAME IS
SUTARU VASUR
IT'S CALLED
BARA.
"PROJECT
DOENKIKU." THE
PEOPLE OF
TARBACK HAVE
NO IDEA.



HAD
CRASH
THEM
WITHOUT
A
THOUGHT.

AND EVEN IF
THEY FOUND
OUT, IT WOULD
MATTER LITTLE
TO DOENKIKU.



AFTER
ALL, ONLY
DOENKIKU'S
"ORDER
ONES" WILL BE
SENT TO THE
NEW WORLD.



DOENKIKU WANTS
TO INVADE
EARTH! BUT
THAT'S... HE'LL...
NO, HE CAN'T! HE
CAN'T DO IT!



IS DOENKIKU
OUT OF HIS
FRIGGIN' MIND?
IF OUR WORLD
DIES,
SO WILL HE!



CALM
YOURSELF

YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN THE
PHANTOM
PLANET.

DOENKIKU HAS
GIVEN UP ON
BARA. HE'S GET
HIS SIGHTS ON
EARTH.



ANYONE,
CAN I ASK
YOU
SOMETHING?



IT'S HIS
TOP-SECRET
BASE OF
OPERATIONS.

THE KEY TO
DOONKID'S
PLANS LIE IN
HIS BIO LAB.



THAT
CONARD IS
WILLING TO
DESERT HIS
OWN PLANET?



THE
ENERGISTS.
THE
ENERGISTS
ARE
THE KEY.



THAT'S
OUR CUE
TO MOVE
OUT.

WE MUST
KEEP THOSE
ZANGIEF
BASTARDS
FROM THE
DUCHY OF
FREID!

GENERAL
LUGAU, ALL'S
PREPARED
FOR THE
LAUNCH TO
FREID.



KEEP THE
COURSE.
EAST
NORTHEAST.

LOOK
OVER
THERE!



I DON'T
WANT
FEED
TO GO
DOWN
LIKE
FANSLIA
DID.

I KNOW I CAN
BE A BIT
OVERZEALOUS
AT TIMES...

...BUT WE'RE
DOING THE
RIGHT THING
HERE, AREN'T
WE?



THAT'S A
CAUSE
WORTH
FIGHTING
FOR, ISN'T
IT?

SAIRACH'S
GONNA
DESTROY
OUR WORLD.



-IF ALL THIS
SUPPERING
CAN END, I
THINK THAT'S
THE ONLY
CAUSE WORTH
FIGHTING FOR

YOU
KNOW,
VAN...

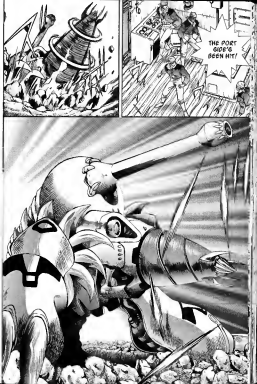


Duchy
of
Frold.

WHAT
WAS
THAT?!

CHECK OUT
THOSE
MOUNTAINS.

IT'S EASY TO
FORGET THE
SIZE OF A
COUNTRY WHEN
LOOKING AT A
MAP.









YOU'VE
GOTTA BE
FRICKIN'
KIDDING
ME!





MAYBE
HE GOT
LOST.
NOW
WHAT?

THESE GUYS
ARE PART OF
FESID'S ARMY?
I THOUGHT WE
SENT A
MESSENGER!



WAIT!
THAT'S
NOT
ZABACH.



WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP.

IF YOU
DON'T JUMP
UP OUR
ARMS, WE
COULD'VE
TOLD YOU.

WE'RE
NOT
YOUR
ENEMY!



WE CAN'T
POSSIBLY TAKE
ON THAT MANY,
NO MATTER HOW
WEAK THEY ARE.



THEN AGAIN,
THAT'S
NEVER
STOPPED ME
BEFORE.



THEY CAN'T
FIGHT WHAT
THEY CAN'T
SEE.

STEP BACK,
VAN. I'LL
USE MY
STEALTH
MANTLE.



LISTEN
TO US,
DAMMIT!

LEAVE!
THIS IS YOUR
FINAL
WARNING.



LISTEN WELL,
INTRUDERS!
LEAVE OUR
LANDS
IMMEDIATELY!

VISION 24:
RIOT IN FREID





SHE CAN
DO THAT?

SHE
STRENGTHENS
THESE
DEFENSES.



WE DIDN'T COME
HERE TO FIGHT
YOU. YOU'RE IN
DANGER...

PLEASE
HOW
YOUR
FIRE!

...AND
YOU'LL
NEED OUR
HELP!



VAN,
WATCH
IT!





WHAT
THAT
SOUND?



BOCAFO

FLOWING

WUMP



IT
SOUNDS
LIKE...
MOANING.



ASH!

DON'T
WASTE
YOUR
BREATH.



STOP IT,
ISLANDER!

DON'T
DIG OUR
HOLE
ANY
DEEPER.



THEY'RE
NOT
LISTENING.





W-
SUSS
WE HAVE
ACCESS



LOOK!

THEY'RE
STANDING
DOWN.



I'VE BEEN
WAITING.
ESCAPING...



MOVE
IN!



WH-WHO
WAS THAT?





WHY DID YOU
ATTACK US
EARLIER?



ONLY
THOSE WHO
BELIEVE IN
OUR GOD
MAY ENTER
FREE!

WE ARE
MOURNING THE
DEATH OF OUR
DUKE AT A TIME
LIKE THIS.
OUTSIDERS
ARE NOT
WELCOME.



DO YOU
HAVE THE
CHANGE OF
HEART?



YOUR
GOD?
WHAT A
Joke!



WE SEEK
COUNSEL
WITH THE
DUKE.



HE'S A
GODDAMN
TODDLER!



I'M THE
DUKE.
CONSIDER
IT
GRANTED.



SUCH
GAP
EYES..



YOU HAVE
PERMISSION
TO ENTER MY
CITY.



WE RECEIVED A SIGN.
FROM THE
ORACLE OF
OUR IDOL.

...AND
THE BEST
TO LAND.

ACCORDING TO
OUR PATH, THE
GODS ARRIVED
LONG AGO
FROM A BLUE
STAR AND
TRAVELED TO
THESE
LOCATIONS.

SOME WENT
TO GARD,
OTHERS TO
SHINA.

WELL, THAT
EXPLAINS THE
MOANING.

ON THE
PALM OF
THE ISOL THAT
ENHANCES
HIM IS HIS
ROOM.

THE GOD
PEEP
REMAINED
HERE.

IT BEGAN
TO GLOW
WHEN YOU
ARRIVED.

WE TAKE
IT TO BE A
SIGN.

THAT'S AN
ENERGIST!

OHMMM...





WHY-
WHAT
JUST...



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HER?!

HITOMI!
OH, GOD!
HITOMI!



E...
E...



AAAGH!



HITOMI!

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WHY...
AM I?



WHAT IS
THIS
PLACE?



HEY!
WHO'S...



THIS
FEELS
LIKE...
EARTH!



SOMETHING
IS PULLING
AT ME.



AM I
INSIDE
THIS GUILD?



HI!

HELLO



HEY, MY
BODY'S
MOVING BY
ITSELF!



YES I
JUST...I
DUNNO. I'VE
GOT A BAD
FEELING
ABOUT ALL
THIS

JUST
THE
CORE.



BUT
IT'S
NOT
REAL.

IT'S
NOTHING
BUT
DRESSING

WHY? GABA'S
BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S A TRUE
PARADISE!



WE
SHOULDN'T
TRY TO BE
GODS. IT'S
NOT RIGHT.



YOU'RE
ALWAYS
SO
DIRECT.



ARE YOU'RE
ESCAPING?

IM? OH
HELLO,
PAPA.

OH,
POCAHONTAS?

THAT'S
THE MAN
WHO'S
BEEN
CALLING
ME!



GABA IS
VAN'S
PLANET..

THEY'RE
DECIDING
WHICH
CHILDREN
WILL GO TO
GABA



TELLING
POCAHONTAS
AGAIN,
POCAHONTAS?



I'M PRETTY
SURE WE'LL
MAKE THE
CUT.





I WONDER IF THE MONK INCANTATION WOULD WORK.

WELL, GOOD LUCK.



H M M

THIS HAD A SUMMONING LIKE LAST TIME, BUT NEVER CONTACTING HER YET.



Words Aira...

...De Fala.

IT'S WORTH A TRY.



WELL, THIS SUCKS.



IT'S STILL SHAPED LIKE A MONK. SEE? SHE MUST BE INSIDE. BUT HOW DO WE RELEASE IT?



YES, YOU NEED IT.

GET SOME SLEEP BEFORE YOU PASS OUT, VAN.



NO I'LL STAY WITH HER UNTIL I TURN TO ROCK IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.





SO THAT'S IT, THEN. I WAS WRONG. THERE WAS NO FUEL DEPOSIT.

MY PARASCOPE WAS SIMPLY REACTING TO THE ENERGIST.



SHE'S KNOWN TO HARBOUR A POWER THAT CAN CHANGE THE VERY WORLD.

THAT GIRL IS THE LEGENDARY ENERGIST OF PANGLIA.



YET MY PARASCOPE SHOWED NOTHING WITHIN THE RUINS.

I SEARCHED ENDLESSLY FOR THE FUEL DEPOSIT IN PANGLIA.



EVEN NOW, YOU DARE TO MAKE LIGHT OF THEIR SUFFERING, OZALDASU?!

HOW LONG HAVE I OUTLIVED MY MISTAKE.



GIE LUSSEU, I WILL NOT LET MY COUNTRY GO. WARE WILL YOU HELP ME PROTECT MY PEOPLE?



DO NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE OF YOURS. WE LIVE A CRUISE, CAPTAIN AAG.



FORGIVE ME, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU MAY BE A BIT YOUNG FOR THESE MATTERS, YOUR GRACE.



IT WILL BE MY HONOR, KING OZD.



I SEE.





Aina...
Reques...
Dias.

OMMMIT!



IS THAT
YOUR

VAN?



HITOME?



YES, I'M
CERTAIN,
GIE.

THE FUEL
IS HERE.



YES, GIE
JUST PLEASE
REMEMBER MY
LOYALTY.



I REQUESTED
YOU TO KILL
ANY IN
YOUR WAY



IF THE
ARMY IS
THERE, THEY
MUST BE
DESTRUCTED.



AND KEEP
YOUR
CONNECTION
TO THE
EMPIRE
SECRET. AM I
CLEAR?



VAN!
YOU CALLED
ME.



OF
COURSE
I DID.

I NEED YOU
WITH ME,
HYTOMI.
FOREVER.



SO THERE
WASNO
FIRE
WELL
HAYNT
GIVEN ME
HARDY!

OH MY
GOD!

WHY!

OHMY
NOT GUESS
I FOREVER
THAT...

GET YOUR
COORDINATES TO
THE DUCHY OF
FESID





FATHER...



I-I DON'T
THINK I
CAN DO
THIS.

I WISH
YOU
WERE
HERE.



OH? UM,
YES?



I'M A SICK
CARICATURE
OF THE MAN
I HATE!

BUT
LOOK... LOOK
AT MY FACE!
THE WOUND HE
LEFT ME WITH
NEVER FULLY
HEALED.



THAT MISERABLE
TRAITOR LEFT ME
NO OTHER OPTION,
AND THUS I'VE
BEEN REDOBN
AS A HUMAN
ENDEISIT.



HA
HA
HA
HA!

KILLING HIM
IS YOUR
DESTINY.
FULFILL IT,
YAI'FA.



AND
DEANDAU
WILL DIE
FOR IT.

DE ALBATON
WONT BE THE ONLY
SUPPORTATE
WHO TASTING
DEATH THIS
DAY.

VISION 25:
THE LEGEND
OF THE LIGHT





IT LOOKS
NATURAL,
DON'T IT?

CONSIDERING
WHAT I PAID
FOR THE
POISON, IT
SHOULD
HAVE



YOU
KILLED
MY
FATHER?!



I MAY
BE YOUR
UNCLE, BUT
I KNOW A
THREAT
WHEN I
SEE ONE

YOU'RE
TOO SMART
FOR YOUR
OWN GOOD



THEY
CHOSE A
MEETING
BEAT OVER
ME!

BUT WHEN
THE TIME
CAME TO
SELECT A
NEW RULER,
THE PEOPLE
CHOSE YOU



AH!



Y-
YOU
REALLY



YES,
I
DID!



NOW IT'S TIME
TO FIX THAT MISTAKE
SORRY YOU'VE NEVER
LIVE FAST
CHILDHOOD, BUT
TRUST ME, I'M
DOING YOU A
FAVOR!



CAPTAIN
AJA,
WHY?!



TO
BECOME
PURE, OF
COURSE.

NO PRICE WAS
TOO HIGH NOT
EVEN THE
WUNDER OF MY
OWN BROTHER





YOU THINK
I DON'T
KNOW
THE
WAY
TO
THE
TOWER?
HOW
DO
YOU
GET
IN
HERE?

AAH

INGOLENT
LITTLE
SEAT.
HE CAN FIT
INTO THE
VENTILATION
SHAFT?

*I probably should
have known that.*



I KNOW
YOU TOO
WELL



YOU CAN'T
HIDE FROM
ME, CHILD!



WH-
WHAT?



GOOD-
BYE,
LORD
CHIEF

AAAH!

AND THEY
WILL
LOOK
TO
ME
TO
RULE IT!



SOON, ALL
THIS LAND
WILL BELONG
TO ZABACH.



OF
COURSE.

THEN ATTACKING THE
REVOLUTIONIST'S ARMY
UNDER THE PRETEXT OF
MOURNING FOR
FATHER. THAT WAS ALL
FOR THE EMPEROR?

YOU'RE
WORKING
WITH
THEM?!

Z-
ZABACH?
YOU
HAVEN'T





MORE
SURPRISES?
I'M NOT SURE
I CAN TAKE
ANYMORE...

I MEAN,
SURE, I
CAN TELL
FORTUNES,
BUT THAT'S
NOTHING!

BACK
HOME,
I'M
NOTHING
SPECIAL.

I DON'T
GET ANY
OF THIS.



LORD
CHAO?
ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?!

HUFF
HUFF

DON'T
WORRY,
HITOMI!
YOU'RE
MORE THAN
JUST A ROCK
TO ME.

IT...
IS...



SO THE
GIRL'S REALLY
A HUMAN
ENERGIST?

THAT'S RIGHT
SHE POWERS
HIGASHIOME



YES,
GIR.

...HITOMI,
WAS IT?



AND
FROM
THE
PHANTOM
PLANET
TOO..
YOU'RE
JUST
FULL OF
SURPRISES,
AREN'T
YOU? MG..

I'LL WISH THAT WE
MIGHT SEE
LAST OF THEM EVEN
NOW, THERE MAY
YET REMAIN SOME
SECRETS WITHIN
YOU WAITING TO
BE UNLOCKED





UM... DUKE CHOP?

?



DUKE CHOP!

YOUR GRACE!



HAS YOUR WOUND HEALED, OUR LORD?

YOUR GRACE!

THESE YOU ARE!

WE MISS YOUR SMILE. IT GIVES US STRENGTH!



...



MY PEOPLE...



HOLD STILL.



PAT PAT



LAST FOR PONDIE WILL DRIVE MEN TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE

WAS TO BRING THAT ALL COULD BE NO CLOUDS ABOUT RETRIEVING HIS COUNTRY.



WELL, THE SLASHING TRAIL IS NOW LITTLE TIME THE LEAVING US. ZAI-SACH CAN LIVE AT ANY MOMENT.



I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO BE DUKE. I NEVER WAS.

WEE!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, MY OWN UNCLE...



WE WILL REACH PERD IN TWO DAYS
BEST WHILE YOU CAN



WE WILL CRUSH THOSE MISERABLE
BUGS AND BRING VICTORY
TO THE EMPIRE!

I CAN SEE IT
IN MY MIND'S EYE.



YOUR
PEOPLE ARE
WORRIED,
GRIEVE SMILE
FOR YOUR COUNTRY.



I'M OKAY,
EVERYONE.
DO NOT
FEAR!



ALL
RIGHT.



ALL RIGHT,
YOU BUNGS!
LET'S GET
TO WORK.



SEND OUT A
SCOUT AND
PREPARE THE
TEAM FOR
BATTLE.



WHAT HOLE
DID THAT
SNAKE
CRAWL
INTO?



WE CAN'T
FIND HIM!

WHERE'S
CAPTAIN
AJAT?



...WE COULD
USE LORD
PREID'S
"ROSE OF
LIGHT."

NOT
NECESSARILY.
WE'VE NEVER
USED IT
BEFORE, BUT
MAYBE...

WE MUST
SHELTER
THE
PEOPLE OF
PREID.

AND
JUST
WHAT
IS
THAT?

ROSE OF
LIGHT?

BY MYY
ALREADY
IS TOO
LATE FOR
THAT!



YOU'RE
VERY
TALENTED,
Y&P.A.

ONE DAY,
YOU MAY
OUPASS
EVEN ME.



IF YOU
MUST, THINK
OF IT AS...

...A
MEANS OF
SURVIVAL.

REMEMBER, YOU
MUST DEDICATE
YOU HEART AND
SOUL TO ZAIRACH.
NEVER DISOBEY
AN ORDER.



THE WEIGHT OF
THAT PROMISE
RESTS HEAVILY
ON MY HEART,
LORD OLANPAU.





THIS
WAY.



WHY?



IT'S
GONE!

THE
ANCIENT
KEY!

IT SHOULD
BE INSERTED
HERE IN THIS
HOLE!

AN
ENGINEER,
THEN?

IT'S MADE OF
PRECIOUS
STONE. IT'S
PART OF
FRIED'S BLOOD!

WHAT'S
THE KEY
LOOK
LIKE?



IT'S SAID
EVIL MEN WILL
WITHER AWAY
WHEN THEY
TOUCH IT.

ACCORDING
TO LEGEND, IT'S
POSSIBLE TO USE THE
DE PALA INCANTATION
TO CREATE A ROSE OF
LIGHT THAT'S CAPABLE
OF PROTECTING THIS
NATION FROM ANY
ENEMY.



SOUNDS LIKE
THE LIGHT OF
THE SUPER
FUEL.





NO KNIGHT
MACHINE
CAN
DEFEAT HIS
GUYMELES!

YOU'RE
TOO LATE
THE HUMAN
ENERGIST
IS NEARLY
HERE.

YOU MUSTN'T
WORRY ABOUT ME!
JUST REGAIN THE
KEY FROM AJA!



GO ON AHEAD
AND RUN. HIS
ARMY CAN
ALWAYS USE
SOME TARGET
PRACTICE.

THEN MY
VISION WAS
RIGHT. THAT
MONSTER IS
COMING.

HUMAN
ENERGIST?!



AH!

DUNE
CHIP!



AJA! IT
MUST BE
HIM.

THE
CAPTAIN
PROBABLY--



OKAY,
ANYBODY
MOVES AND
SHORTY HERE
GETS EVEN
SHORTER.

YOU
AREGANT
PRICK!



NOW, IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME, I MUST BE
GOING. THEY'RE PROBABLY
TAKING THE CASTLE
AS WE SPEAK AND IT
WOULDN'T DO FOR THE
FUTURE DUE TO BECOMING
ONE OF THE WAR'S
CASUALTIES.



HEY!
WHAT'RE
YOU...



HMPH!
GOMMEJOPY
HAS A NAUGHTY
MOUTH! YOU'D
BETTER WATCH
IT OR THE PUNK
DIES!



ARE YOU
DONE
TALKING,
PIS?



THAT'S
FINE WITH
ME.



YOU'RE
NUTS!





YOU SICK
SON OF
A BITCH!

YOU PUT
THIS TEAM
IN DANGER
AND I'LL--



EXCUSE
ME, SIR!

WE'VE
RECEIVED A
REPORT FROM
ONE OF OUR
SCOUTING
TEAMS.



YOU'LL WHAT?
THE CHILD
SAID NOT TO
WORRY ABOUT HIM.



THEY'RE
HERE
AREN'T THEY?

THE EMPIRE'S
ARMY IS
APPROACHING.
BEARING 145
DEGREES
EAST-
NORTHEAST.



NO,
OLANDAU!



WELL,
ALL
RIGHT
THEN!



AAGH!
K!



YOU MEAN
GOLLETHINS...



THIS
SUCKS! IT'S
DIE FOR
THE
PICKING.



WHAT
THE
HELL?!



FOUR KNIGHT
MACHINES
AND THREE
IMPERIAL
WARSHIPS,
GIE.

HOW
MANY?

MOVE
OUT!

UNIT
ONE,
DEPLOY!



ESCAFLOWNE
AND
SHERAZADE,
WE NEED YOU
ON THE FIELD.

YOU
GOT
IT.



FIELD
MUST BE
PROTECTED.
WHATEVER IT
TAKES, WE'LL
GET IT DONE.

IT'S
FINALLY
STARTED...



LET'S
SEE,
SHALL
WE?!

CAN YOU
POUSE OUR
BRACONATION
ATTACK?

YOU'RE UP
AGAINST ONE
OF TAIABACH'S
BEST UNITS,
ASTURIA.



DAY JUST
KEEPS
GETTING
BETTER,
DOESN'T
IT?

THAT'S
ASTURIA'S
SCHARAZADE!

AND SHE'S
ACCOMPANIED
BY
ESCAPLOWNE.



YOU SHALL
NOT PASS!

THE DUCHY
OF PERIO IS
UNDER OUR
PROTECTION.



SO, GUYS,
WHO WANTS
TO DIE FIRST?
IT'S ALL THE
GAME TO ME.





OUT
OF
THE
WAY,
BOY.



YAIYA,
RIGHT?



I DIDN'T
COME HERE
TO FIGHT
YOU.



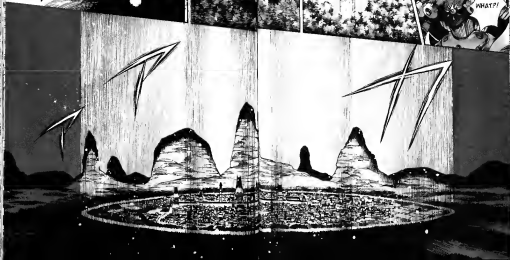
THAT
SHOULD
ACTIVATE
THE ROSE



THEY
BROUGHT
THE
KNIGHT OF
FLAME!



OH, MAN...
DID IT HAVE TO
BE HIM?





THE FIRED KNIGHT IS
MINE.
YOU TWO
WITHDRAW.



LORD
DELANDAU



!?

KNIGHT
OF
FLAME!



IT'S THE
ZONE OF
LIGHT!



YAIPA
ISN'T
YOUR
ENEMY.

DON'T DO
THIS,
DELANDAU.



VAN'S
RIGHT,
DELANDAU!
DON'T DO
THIS!

HE'S NOT.
HE'S NOT
EVEN LIKE
THE EMPEROR



NO!

YOU'RE FOOLS!
THIS MAN IS
LOYAL TO
ZABACH. HE
IS YOUR
ENEMY...AND
MINE.



I'M THE
ONE YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR!



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
YAIPA?



YAI-F!
WHAT'RE
YOU...



HURP



BY ORDER
OF THE
EMPIRE.



AND YOU
BELIEVE
THAT YOU
CAN?

HMM



LORD
DILANDAU, I
AM TO KILL
YOU...



YOU HAVE
ONLY ONE
ARM,
CAPTAIN.

VISION 26:
VISION OF FATE







A BIT FASTER
NOW THAT WE'VE
LOST AN ARM,
ARE WE?



I'M
DISAPPOINTED
I'M LISTENING
TO YOU
YOU'VE ALL
TALK
PLANNED

AMPH.



DON'T
INTERFERE,
PEACE!



YOUR REAL
ENEMY IS
DOZANKI!

YAIYA,
LISTEN
TO ME!



HA!



WHAT?



...I SEE NO REASON TO TRY TO EXPLAIN MYSELF ANY FURTHER.

I'M FINDING POINTS ON MY THUMB, AND MY BLESSED SENSE OF YOU TO UNDERSTAND, AND I SEE THAT REASON.



OLIVIA, MY MISSION IS TO KILL YOU, AND I INTEND TO CARRY IT OUT.



PLEASE, DON'T.



THE MAC, THE APPEARANCE OF EARTH, ALL THE WEIRD OCCURRENCES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE...

THEY'RE ALL LEADING TO SOMETHING SOMETHING TERRIBLE!



I'M GETTING A VISION? NOW, OF ALL TIMES?



ADAM?



HE'S GONNA DESTROY THIS WORLD, THEN NIGHTMARE IT OUTTA HERE LIKE THE COWARD HE IS.

ALL THAT NONSENSE ABOUT LEADING US TO PEACE IS COMPLETE CRAP!



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU. WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE?



WE PLANS TO INVADE THE PHANTOM PLANET!



—AND I RESPECT THAT.

LISTEN TO ME. YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SENSE OF JUSTICE.

BUT THIS ISN'T YOUR BATTLE, IT'S MINE.

NAH...



PAIN.
EMOTION.

I'M
GETTING THE
THOUGHTS AND
FEELINGS OF
SOMEONE ELSE!



O-
DILANDAU,
YOU DICK!

HOCK!



I'M
WAITING,
FIRE
KNIGHT.



WHAT'S
WRONG
DECA?

AS YOU
LIKE IT!

WHERE'S
THE DEATH
YOU KEEP
PROMISING
ME?



THIS
PEOPLE
LIKE..

AAAH!

WE'VE
REACHED THE
END, CAPTAIN
PREPARE TO
DIE.



QUIET.







EXCELLENT,
YAIFA.
ANOTHER
VICTORY.



YOU'RE
BECOMING
GAYE A
WARRIOR,
YAIFA. YOU'RE
GAINING MY
BEST MAN.



HOW
NEW...



CAPTAIN
PLANDAU?

I'M GONNA
BECOME A SOLDIER
AND FIGHT TO END
THIS WAR. NO ONE
DESERVES TO DIE
LIKE THIS. WE
NEED PEACE!



UM...
MAY?



YOU DON'T
BELONG
HERE.

YAIFA, YOU
SHOULDN'T
COME
ANYMORE.



I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT...
YENOW, HOW
WE CAN STAY
TOGETHER.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.



NO!
NO!



OH
GOD,
MAY...
I'VE
HAD IT.



MAY!

THEY MUST
DIE SO THAT
YOU CAN LIVE.

YOU MUST KILL
ALL THOSE WHO
STAND AGAINST
YOU, ONE BY
ONE.

REMEMBER
THAT, YAJI,
AND NEVER
TAKE THE EASY
WAY OUT.

IT'S EASY TO DIE,
BUT LIVING... THAT'S
THE HARD PART.

LORD,
I...

THE LIFE OF A
WARRIOR IS NOT
AN EASY ONE
THIS IS THE ONLY
WAY TO MAKE
HOUSE ON IT ALL
TIGHT ME.

THESE...
THESE
ARE
YAJI'S
FEELINGS.

I'M
NOT MISSING
THE KEY
MOMENTS
OF HIS
LIFE.

YOU COMPLETED
THE TEST AS
EFFICIENTLY AS I
THOUGHT YOU
WOULD.

THAT WAS
MY FIRST
KILL, DIE

WHAT
WENT
WAS
YOU
DOING
?

?

WAR IS A
DELICATE
GAME OF
LIFE AND
DEATH.

DO NOT DO
THAT AGAIN
AS A
WARRIOR, IT'S
YOUR JOB TO
TAKE THE
LIVES OF
OTHERS



...THE
RULES OF
THIS GAME.

WHY DO YOU
HESITATE? I
THOUGHT I
TAUGHT
YOU...



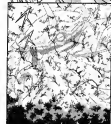
NH...
NNSH!



HE'S
CORRECT



YOU'RE
BECOMING
GUTS &
NERVE.
YAWA, YOU'RE
BARELY MY
BEST MAN



YOU DO
REMEMBER
HOW TO
KILL, DON'T
YOU?

HSS...



HUH?!



WAIT,
CAPTAIN!

ZAIRBACH'S
ORDERS ARE
ABSOLUTE.

BUT
STILL
I...

LISTEN UP,
YAIFA

YOU MISSED
YOUR CHANCE
TO LIVE.

...DON'T FAIL
TO KILL ME.

THE NEXT
TIME WE
MEET...

LOOK
OVER
THERE.

BUT THE
GOOD NEWS
IS WE SEEM
TO BE
WINNING
THE BATTLE

ZAIRBACH'S
KNIGHT
MACHINES
GAVE HIM.

HOW'S
YAIFA?

YOU'RE
AWAKE!

LORD
DILANDAU,
PLEASE
WAIT!

C-
CAPTAIN?
BUT WHY...

LORD
YAIFA,
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?



SORRY I
DIDN'T
MENTION
THAT
GOONER

YEAH, UH,
YOU MIGHT
WANT TO
STAND
BACK



WHAT
THE
HELL?!



THE EDGE OF
LIGHT SHOULD
PROTECT US.
BECAUSE IT
DOES WHAT
THE KID
CLAIMS



THAT'S A
NEW
MODEL,
ISN'T IT?

I
GUESS
SO.



BAD ENOUGH
YOU'RE BACK
IN THE SUEE,
BUT WORST
C'WON!

WHAT'S
THIS
LIGHT?



YOU'VE
GOTTA
BE
KIDDING
ME...



AAGH!





...SCAPLOVING...



THE FUTURE
OF GAEA
RESTS IN
YOUR HANDS...

...PLEASE
SAVE
THEM.

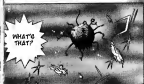


LORD
FESID
WILL...

OUR
GOLD!



NOOOOOO!





TH-THAT
BAGTARD'S
GOT A...

A A A H!



WE MUST
PROTECT
THE FUEL
FROM
ZABACH!

GAMN!



I WANT
EVERY LAST
WARSHIP IN
THE AIR!
UNDERSTOOD?



FIRE!



SO THIS IS THE
INFAMOUS
ESCAPLOWNE.



OPAL?!

I AM OPAL. MY
DS'G NAME IS
BETELGESE.
SHE'S A STEEL
DEMON.

I MUST
ADMIT, I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
FORWARD TO
MEETING
YOU



BUT...

WATCH IT,
ALLEN. HE'LL
BLOW YOU
APART.



WE MANAGED
TO SURVIVE THE
SUPER FUEL IN
ZABACH. LET
US TRY.



HE'S... HE'S
IN THERE.

THAT WAS AN
ENERGIST
WAVE. IT
LOOKED JUST
LIKE ESCA'S,
HITOMI!

WHO IS?



THE
HUMAN
ENERGIST...
HE'S
INSIDE!



EEEE





JUST AS
MY VISION
FORETOLD.



RRGH!



THAT
COULD
HAVE
GONE
BETTER

USH



HERE,
OPAL!

HAVE A
LUCK
ON
THIS!



HE'S MOVING
RIGHT, THEN USING
THE HEAVY WHEN
HE TURNING SINGLE
ENOUGH.



UH...
HE'S
GONE?

UH-OH.



YOU
CAN'T
DOSS
FOR—









I HAVE
TO DO
THE
GAME.

HE'S
READING
ALL OUR
MOVES.

DAMN.

HE'S
PROBABLY
FASTER
THAN ME,
BUT I'LL
TRY.

MM.

YOU
CAN DO
THAT?



THE
ATTITUDE
ON THIS
DAY.



BSCA,
POWER UP!



HAVE YOU
WARMED UP
NOW,
BSCA FLOWER?



LET'S
TAKE
THIS
BASTARD
DOWN!



DON'T!
HE'S JUST
GOING TO
COUNTER
WITH...



CATCH
THIS!



THAT



SHE SHOULD
LEARN HER
PLACE.

IS THAT
LITTLE BITCH
ACTUALLY
TRYING TO
READ MY
MIND?



MMH...



INOT!



GO FOR
IT,
HITOMI!



POHET
WILL
ME...

POHET
WILL
HE
DO?

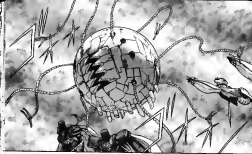


FROM
ABOVE,
VAN!

ABOVE!



THEY'LL
SHOOT THE
ENEMY
WAVE FROM
BELOW.



I HAVE
TO GET
IT!

I WILL
GET IT.



IT'S
SOMEBODY!



VAN AND
RYOMU HAVE
THESE HANDS
FULL WITH THE
STEEL DEMON.
I'LL GET TO
THE MINING
MACHINE.



YAH
YAH
YAH



ASH!



SIMULTANEOUS
VISIONS CAUSE
INTERFERENCE?



WHAT
WAS
THAT?

RYOMU?



YOU
BOYS
ARE IN
MY
WAY.



THIS
GAME HAS
REACHED
ITS END!

WELL,
YOU LEARN
SOMETHING NEW
EVERY DAY.
ANYHOW,
ENOUGH
PLAYING.



YOU CAN'T
HAVE THE
FUEL.

ZABACH
WON'T
TAKE
ANOTHER
DROP.

HA!

FINE
TAKE
THIS!

NNNN





HE'S CALLING ME.

WHAT'S HEARING?



ASH!

MYOM!



WAIT! GUMMIT, OPAL! WHAT ARE YOU--?



SHIT! DADA'S POWERING DOWN.



THERE YOU ARE.

COME NOW, GIRL... AND I WILL SHOW YOU A PERFECT ENERGIST.



SHIT, WE CAN'T MOVE.



?!



AND I CAN'T READ HIM ANYMORE.



IF YOU DON'T COME OUT, I WILL BURN THIS LAND.

COME OUT, LITTLE GIRL!

YOU... DAUGHTER OF THE ENERGIST.



YOU'LL WHAT?!



HE'S USING HIS TELEPATHY!



AND MY BODY'S GETTING HOT.

IT DOESN'T HURT.

HUH?

NO, PLEASE!



YES. LIKE POWER'S COURSE THROUGH YOUR VERY VEINS.



NO ONE CAN INTERFERE NOW.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

THIS LIGHT IS LIKE BEING IN OUR MOTHER'S WOMB.

ENERGIST IS CRYSTALLIZED SUPER PULS.



LET ME GO!

WE ARE LIKE MAGNETS, DAUGHTER.

SOMETIMES WE ATTRACT... AND SOMETIMES WE REPULSE.



THERE, NOW, YOU SEE HOW THE LIGHT DRAGS US IN?

IT WILL EMBRACE US SOON.



AHH!



LET HER GO, OPAL! YOU SON OF A BITCH!





HA HA!



BUT YOU, ON THE
OTHER HAND...
YOU STILL HAVE A
PHYSICAL BODY.

AIEEE!!



WHYOM!
HANG ON!

NO...
LET GO!

THAT'S YOUR
FATAL
WEAKNESS!



HE LET
THAT ONE
THROUGH.



OH, WAIT...
YOU DON'T
THINK THAT
WOULD KILL
ME, DO YOU?

THANKS. I
HAD AN
ITCH ON
MY BACK
THAT WAS
JUST
KILLIN' ME



GO
SORRY TO
DISAPPOINT



AASH!



WHERE
AM I?

IT
LOOKS
LIKE
THE
BIO
LAB.



COOL
LOOKS...



WAIT A
MINUTE!
THAT'S ME!
BUT THIS
WAS YEARS
AGO!



YOU WILL
BECOME A
PERFECT
ENERGIST.

YOU
WERE
BORN AND
RAISED
IN THIS
PLACE.



NO!

BUT WHAT
CAN I DO?
ESCA
HONT
MOVE
WITHOUT
HER.



OHMY,
THAT FEEL'S
GONNA KILL
HIM! I'VE
GOTTA DO
SOMETHING!



THAT'S RIGHT
YES! EASY
NOW. YOU
DON'T WANT
TO FINISH
TOO SOON,
DO YOU?

NOO!

DON'T WORRY,
LITTLE GIRL. IT
ONLY HURTS
THE FIRST TIME
AND I'LL BE
GENTLE. I
PROMISE.



WHAT?!



AT A
TIME
LIKE
THIS?

A VISION?

WHA..



GET THE
FATWICK
MOVING OUT
OF MY
FACE!

DOODERING
OLD FOOL...

YOU'RE
WHAT?

PLEASE...
SAVE ME.
I'M DYING!

WH-
WHAT?
THAT'S
ME!

LET GO
OF ME!

WHAT'S
THE
MEANING
OF THIS?!



I'M NOT
LIKE THE
OTHERS!

I AM ONE
OF THE
ELITE. I
HAVE NO
FEAR.



...BUT
NOT
YOU.

MOST
OF THE
SUBJECTS
FAILED AND
DIED...



YES,
MY
LORD.

YOU
ARE PART
OF THE
ELITE.
A
SACRED
ONE!



YES, I AM THE
PERFECT HUMAN
ENERGIST, BORN
FOR A NOBLE
MISSION.



?

LOOK...

LOOK



NN...



HMM?

WHY SO
DARK?

AM I TRULY
TO DIE LIKE
THIS?

NOT A
VISION OF
DEATH.

THIS CAN'T
BE.

WHA...

A
A
A
G
H!

DYING...
ROKY...

THIS ISN'T
HAPPENING
IT'S NOT
REAL

HUH?

NO...
NEVER...

WHAT
YOU SAW
MUST BE
YOUR
FATE.
OPAL

?!
?

AGH!

YAAAGH!

WHAT THE
HELL IS
GOING ON?

OPAI,
NO!

NOT
AGAIN.
PLEASE,
NOT
AGAIN!

MY HEAD
IS BURNING!

I UNDERSTAND
NOW.
SENTIMENT
FORMS THE
REAL SHAPE
OF TRUTH.

SENTIMENT
VISION?

WHAT
IS
THAT?

SO THIS
VISION I'M
SEEING IS
YOUR...

YOUR
SENTIMENT
VISION.

FEELINGS...
CAUSE THE
FORMATION
OF FATE.

I AM THE
PERFECT
HUMAN
ENERGY. I
WILL NEVER
DIE!

YOU
LIE!

YOUR DESTINY
IS WHAT YOU'VE
JUST SEEN.



GOD,
LOOK AT
THEM ALL!

UGLY
THINGS,
AREN'T
THEY?

DAMN!
WE
CAN'T...

FIRE!

GOT IT,
ALLEN.

THEY'RE
GOING AFTER
THE FUEL!

THOSE ARE
MINING
MACHINES.





I BEAR
NEWS.



GOOD.

ALL THESE
REMAINING
FUEL SPOTS
HAVE BEEN
DESIGNED
EMPRESS.



WE CAN
NOW REPAIR
THE ARE THAT
WILL CARRY US
TO EARTH.



THE ARE
YOU MEAN
THAT, LORD?



YOU MAY
HAVE
STARTED THIS
WAR, BUT
WE'RE GOING
END IT!



Far from you
and the others
lies an endless
wildland of
red and white.

This is
Paradise,
where the
space time
stands
still.

MY PLANS
ARE NEARLY
COMPLETE.

AT
LONG
LAST.

EARTH
IS IN OUR
GRASP!

To be continued...



In the next volume of
**THE VISION OF
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As the dust settles on the Duchy of Freid, the Revolutionist's Army plans its next move. With the successful theft of Freid's super-fuel, the Zalbach Empire is now ready to begin its conquest of Earth.

With time running out and the situation growing bleaker by the moment, Hitomi, Van, Allen and Noland race to Paradax, praying they can get there quickly enough to overtake Dornkirk's fleet. It's a desperate, risky mission, as Paradax is an untamed realm fraught with danger, mystery and startling revelations about Gaea's dark past.

Secrets are revealed, loyalties are called into question, and Van and Hitomi's feelings for one another continue to grow...